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February 10, 2006

Mr. Curtis Larkin Gypsum Resource Development, Inc. 1947 North 2050 East Layton, Utah 84040

Subject: Denial of Extension Request, Gypsum Resource Development, White Cap #8

Mine, S/015/047, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Larkin:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has considered your request, received February 7, 2006, for an extension until November 2006 for reclamation of the referenced mine site. Rule R647-3-112.5 states, in part:

Reclamation of a small mining operation may be required after five (5) years of continued suspension. The Division will require complete reclamation of the mine site when the suspension period exceeds 10 years, unless the operator appeals to the **Board** prior to the expiration of the 10-year period and shows good cause for a longer suspension period.

Please note that this rule *requires* the Division to call for reclamation of a mine site after ten years of inactivity unless the operator appeals to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for a longer suspension period. Annual reports and inspection reports in the Division's files indicate the mine has been inactive for at least ten years.

The Division does not have the option of allowing a longer suspension period; however, the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining has this authority. Therefore, if you desire to extend the time for reclamation of the site and abatement of the violation, the Division suggests you file a Request for Agency Action with the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. Please contact *Julie Carter at 801-538-5277* for information about filing this request.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at 801-538-5258 or Paul Baker at 801-538-5261.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White

Mining Program Coordinator Minerals Regulatory Program

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